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COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

MINIMUM NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE AND PRESCRIBED HOURS OF  
LABOUR FOR EMPLOYEES IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA AT

30th JUNE, 1958

(Rates of Wage are quoted from Awards, Determinations or Agreements operative  
at 30th June, 1958)

ADULT MALES

Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source (a)
<u>WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS, ETC.</u>				
	s. d.			
<u>COOPERING</u> -				
Cooper	348/-	40		Coopers (Comm'th) Agreement
<u>FURNITURE</u> -				
Cabinet Maker	335/-	"		)Furnishing Trades (Comm'th) Award
Chairmaker	335/-	"		
French Polisher	335/-	"		
Wood Carver	335/-	"		
Wood Machinist	335/-	"	"A" Grade Machinist	
<u>SAWMILLING &amp; TIMBER YDS.-</u>				
Box and Case Maker	300/-	"		)Timber Workers (Comm'th) Award
Labourer	274/-	"	"Experienced" (i.e. with 3 months experience)	
Machinist -				
Boults Carver	330/-	"	)"A" Grade machinists	
Moulding	330/-	"		
Planing	330/-	"		
Shaping	330/-	"		
Orderman	308/-	"		
Sawyer -				
Band or Jig	335/-	"	Log band sawyer	
Circular	327/-	"	Cutting a depth of at least 7½"	
Tallyman	303/-	"	Man who keeps an account of timber	
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOILERMAKING</u> -				
Boilermaker	335/-	40		)Metal Trades (Comm'th) Award
Helper	283/-	"	Assisting an employee whose margin is 27/6 or more	
Labourer	269/-	"	With not less than 3 months experience	
<u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION</u> -				
Electrical Mechanic	335/-	"		)Metal Trades (Comm'th) Award
<u>ELECTRICAL SUPPLY</u> -				
Electrical Fitter	358/-	"	)Include 20/- power station allowance	
Instrument Maker	383/-	"		
Linesman	338/-	"	"A" Grade	
Sub Station Main- tenance Fitter	338/-	"		
<u>ENGINEERING</u> -				
Blacksmith	337/6	"		)Tradesman
Brassfinisher	335/-	"		
Coppersmith	337/6	"		

(a) Commonwealth - refers to awards etc. of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission. State - refers to determinations of Victorian Wages Boards.

## WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, MELBOURNE, 30TH JUNE, 1958 (Cont'd.)

Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>ENGINEERING (Cont'd.)</u>	s. d.			
Fitter	235/-	40		)
Labourer	269/-		With not less than 3 months experience	)
Patternmaker	357/6	"		)
Shaper	335/-	"	Machinist 1st Class	)
Striker	287/6	"	On double fires	)
Turner	335/-	"		)
<u>FOUNDRY -</u>				)
Coremakers-machine	310/-	"	After 18 months experience	)
Coremakers-jobbing	335/-	"		)
Dressers		"	Shot & sand blast - other	)
Furnaceman	305/-	"	Cupola	)
Moulders-machine	310/-	"	After 18 months experience	) Metal Trades
Moulders-jobbing	335/-	"		) (Comm'th) Award
<u>SHEET METAL WORKING -</u>				)
Canister Maker	290/-	"	By hand	)
Machinist	282/-	"	Power - not elsewhere specified	)
Solderer	285/-	"		)
Sheet metal worker 1st Class	335/-	"		)
Sheet metal worker 2nd Class	310/-	"		)
<u>FOOD, DRINK, ETC.</u>				
<u>BAKING (BREAD) -</u>				
Board Hand	362/6	40		Bread Trade Board (State)
Bread Carter	335/6	"		Bread Carters Board (State)
Ovensman	362/6	"		) Bread Trade
Single Hand	385/10	"		) Board (State)
<u>BAKING (BISCUITS &amp; CAKES) -</u>				)
Baker	313/-	"		)
General Labourer	283/-	"		) Biscuit Board
Mixer	313/-	"		) (State)
<u>BREWING -</u>				
Cellarman	310/-	"		The Liquor Trades (Breweries) Award (Comm'th)
Driver (Motor 3 tons)	305/6	"		Transport Workers (General) (Comm'th)
Labourer	302/-	"		The Liquor Trades (Breweries) Award (Comm'th)
Malt Hand	308/-	"		Liquor Trades (Maltsters) Award (Comm'th)
Towerman	310/-	"		Liquor Trades (Breweries) Award (Comm'th)
<u>BUTCHERING (RETAIL) -</u>				
Carter (1 horse)	303/-	"		) The Meat Industry
General Butcher	335/-	"	Acts as Shopman or is principally engaged in cutting for window display	) (Shops and Smallgoods Factories) Award (Comm'th)

## WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, MELBOURNE, 30TH JUNE, 1958 (Cont'd.)

Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
FOOD, DRINK, ETC. (Cont'd.)				
s. d.				
BUTCHERING (Cont'd.)				
Shopman	335/-	40		
Smallgoods maker	328/-	"		
CONFECTIONERY -				
Confectioner (Grade 1)	320/-	"		) Confectioners Board ) (State)
Storeman	306/6	"		
JAM MAKING -				
General labourer	287/-	"	With 4 months or more experience	) Food Preservers ) Award (Comm'th)
Solderer	292/-	"		
MEAT PACKING -				
Capper	341/-	"		) Meat Preservers ) Board (State)
Guillotine Hand	353/10	"		
Jokerman	337/-	"		
Packer	337/-	"		
Seamer	341/-	"		
MILLING (FLOUR) -				
Miller (Shift)	385/-	"	In charge of a shift in mill exceeding 10,000 lb. flour per hour	)
Packerman	323/-	"		) Flour Millers ) Award (Comm'th)
Purifierman	327/6	"		
Smuttermen	327/6	"		)
Storeman (Head)	338/-	"	With power to engage or dismiss hands	
Topman	327/6	"		
PASTRYCOOKING -				
Packer	281/-	"		) Pastrycooks Board ) (State)
Pastrycook	332/-	"		
CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.				
BOOTMAKING -				
Clicker	347/-	40	Clicking outside (other than felt fabric roans or splits)	Footwear Manufacturing Industry Award (Comm'th)
TAILORING (ORDER) -				
Cutter	358/-	"		)
Presser	320/-	"		
Tailor	334/-	"		
TAILORING (READYMADE) -				
Cutter	336/-	"		) Clothing Trades ) Award (Comm'th)
Presser	320/-	"		
Tailor	334/-	"		
Trimmer	320/-	"		
TEXTILE WORKING				
(WOOLLEN MILLS) -				
Carder	295/-	"	Balling-up card operator	)
Dyehouseman	295/-	"		
Labourer (General)	266/-	"	Responsible for mixing of liquors and working of bowls	) Textile Industry ) (Woollen and ) Worsted Section ) Award (Comm'th)
Scourer (Wool)	304/6	"		
Spinner	295/-	"	Jacquard loom after 2 years experience	)
Loom Tamer	333/-	"		
Warper (Plain)	298/-	"		)
BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.				
BOOKBINDING -				
Finisher	335/-	40		) Graphic Arts Award ) ) (Comm'th)
Bookbinder	335/-	"		
Paper Ruler	335/-	"		

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, MELBOURNE, 30TH JUNE, 1958 (Cont'd.)

Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC. (Cont'd.)</u>				
s. d.				
<u>PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPER)</u>				
Compositor (Machine) -				
Day Work	475/6	38		} Printing Industry
Night Work	514/6	38		} Employees Union
				} Agreement (Unregistered)
Machinist -				
Day Work	435/6	40		} Victorian Printing
Night Work	470/6	38		} Operatives Union
				} Agreement
Publisher -				
Day Work	358/9	40		} (Unregistered)
Night Work	393/9	38		}
Reader -				
Day Work	435/-	40		} Printing Industry
Night Work	470/-	38		} Employees Union
				} Agreement (Unregistered)
Stereotyper -				
Day Work	431/-	39		} Victorian Printing
				} Operative Union
Night Work	466/-	38		} Agreement (Unregistered)
<u>PRINTING (JOBBER OFFICES)</u>				
Compositor	357/6	40		}
Linotype Operator	357/6	"		}
Machinist	335/-	"	e.g. Letterpress Machinist	} The Graphic Arts
Reader	342/6	"		} Award (Comm'th)
Stereotyper	335/-	"		}
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>				
<u>BRICKMAKING -</u>				
Burner	314/-	40		}
Pitman	334/6	"	Other Facemen (other bricks)	} Brick Trade Wage
			Employed in Hoffman Kilns	} Board (State)
Drawer	326/-	"		}
Trucker	308/-	"		}
Setter	326/-	"		}
<u>VEHICLE BUILDING -</u>				
Bodymaker, 1st Class	335/-	"		}
Labourer	263/-	"		}
Painter	327/6	"		} Vehicle Industry
Spring fitter	335/-	"		} Award (Comm'th)
Trimmer	327/6	"		}
Wheelwright	335/-	"		}
<u>GAS-MAKING AND SUPPLY -</u>				
Coke Trimmer	284/-	"		} Gas Employees (Vi
				} etc.) Award (Comm'th)
Gasfitter	347/6	"		} Plumbers Board (Stat
Labourer	278/-	"		} Gas Employees (Vi
				} etc.) Award (Comm'th)
Meter Tester	313/-	"		} Gas Meter Board (Sta
Service Layer	305/6	"		}
Service Layer's Labourer	281/-	"		} Gas Employees (Vi
Stoker	303/-	"	Stoker vertical retorts	} etc.) Award (Comm'th)
<u>JEWELLERY -</u>				
Chainmaker	325/6	"	Melter and Alloyer	}
Mounter	353/-	"	Precious gem mounter	} Jewellers Board
Setter	353/-	"	Setter of precious gems	} (State)
<u>LEATHER AND CANVAS WORK -</u>				
Canvas Worker	312/-	"		} Saddlery, Leather
Leather Worker	312/-	"		} Canvas Workers Awa
				} (Comm'th)
<u>TANNING AND CURRYING -</u>				
Beamsman	313/6	"		}
Labourer	283/6	"		}
Line Jockey	311/6	"		}
Leather Worker				}
Shaving	321/-	"		} Tanning Industry
Splitting	338/6	"		} Award (Comm'th)
Unhairing	313/6	"		}
Tableman	314/6	"		}



## WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, MELBOURNE, 30TH JUNE, 1958 (Cont'd.)

Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>BUILDING *</u>				
Bricklayer	s. d. 398/4	40	All other bricklayers	} Bricklayers Board (State)
Bricklayer (sewer and tunnel)	413/11	"		
Carpenter	402/6	"		} Carpenters Board (State)
Mason (stone)	342/-	"		
Painter	395/10	"		} Painters Board (State)
Paperhanger	392/8	"		
Signwriter	392/8	"		} Plasterers Board (State)
Plasterer (surface)	398/4	"		
Plumber	418/5	"		} Plumbers Board (State)
Labourer -				
Bricklayer's	342/6	"	} Builders Labourers - Ordinary	} Builders Labourers Board (State)
Carpenter's	342/6	"		
Concrete Worker	342/6	"	} Builders Labourers - Skilled	}
Earth excavator	342/6	"		
Gear worker	364/2	"		
Scaffold hand	364/2	"		
<u>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES</u>				
<u>RAILWAYS -</u>				
Engine Driver Loco -				
Steam, diesel electric or electric	398/-	φ	Driver loco or electric train after 1st year	} Locomotive Engine-men's Award (Comm'th)
Driving 120 miles or more per shift	413/-	φ		
Shunting engine	339/6	φ	Driver (shunting) - After 1st year	
Fireman				
Ordinary	315/6	φ	Fireman-After 1st year	} Award
Working 120 miles or more per shift	323/-	φ		
Shunting engine	296/6	φ	Fireman (shunting), after 2nd year	
Guard -				
1st Class	356/-	φ	5th year of service	}
2nd Class	341/-	φ		
Porter	300/6	φ	Parcels Assistant Class 1, 2nd year of service	} Railway Traffic, Permanent Way and Signalling Wages Staff (Comm'th) Award
Shunter -				
Leading	359/6	+	Leading, Class 1, 2nd year of service	
Ordinary	317/-	+	3rd year of service	
Signalman -				
1st Class	353/-	φ		
2nd Class	336/-	φ		
3rd Class	323/-	φ		
<u>TRAMWAYS -</u>				
Conductor -				
1st year	286/-	40		} Tramway Employees (Melbourne) Award - (Comm'th)
2nd year	300/6	"		
Thereafter	300/6	"		
Labourer	281/-	"		
Track Repairer	289/-	"		
Tram Driver	308/-	"		
Pitman	312/-	"		

\* Rates are weekly equivalents of hourly rates. They include allowances for leave, holidays, following the job, etc.

φ 80 hours per fortnight.

+ 76 hours per fortnight.

## WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS. ADULT MALES. MELBOURNE, 30TH JUNE, 1958 (Cont'd.)

Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>TRANSPORT (OTHER)</u>				
<u>CARRYING MERCHANDISE -</u>	s. d.			
Carter -				
1 horse	283/6	40		)
2 horses	296/-	"		)
Stable hand	278/-	"		) Transport Workers
Motor lorries and				) (General) Award -
waggon -				) (Comm'th)
3 tons	305/6	"		)
Over 3 tons but				)
under 6 tons	315/-	"		)
<u>WHARF LABOUR -</u>				
Wharf labourer	10/4			Waterside Workers
(per hour)				Award (Comm'th)
<u>HOTELS, ETC.</u>				
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barman	300/-	40		)
Billiard marker	280/-	"		)
Cook	375/-	"	1st cook, 8 or more	) Liquor Trades
			persons employed in	) (Hotels and Wine
			kitchen	) Saloons) Award -
				) (Comm'th)
Handyman	280/-	"		)
Kitchenman	280/-	"		)
Porter	280/-	"		)
Waiter	280/-	"		)
<u>HAIRDRESSING -</u>				
Hairdresser (Mens)	328/-	"		Hairdressers Board
				(State)
<u>GENERAL LABOUR</u>				
<u>FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING -</u>				
Engine Driver -				
1st Class	323/-	40	With condenser	)
2nd Class	312/6	"	" "	) Engine Drivers and
Fireman -				) Firemen (General)
1st Class	305/-	"		) Award - (Comm'th)
2nd Class	292/6	"		)
<u>MUNICIPAL</u>				
Labourer	290/6	"		Municipal Employees
Street Sweeper	296/-	"	Cleansing labourer	(Melbourne City
				Council) Agreement
				(Comm'th)
<u>SHOP ASSISTANTS -</u>				
Boot Salesman	313/-	"		Shops Board No. 1
				(Boot dealers) (State)
Drapery Salesman	313/-	"		Shops Board No. 9
				(Drapers and Mens
				Clothing) (State)
Furniture Salesman	317/-	"		Shops Board No. 14
				(Furniture Dealers)
				(State)
Grocery Salesman	307/6	"		Shops Board No. 15
				(Grocers) (State)
Hardware Salesman	313/-	"		Shops Board No. 16
				(Hardware) (State)
Men's Clothing Salesman	313/-	"		Shops Board No. 9
				(Drapers and Men's
				Clothing) (State)
<u>STOREMEN AND PACKERS -</u>				
Packer (General)	306/6	"		) Storemen, Packers
				) and Sorters Board
Storeman (General)	306/6	"		) (State)

WOMEN'S WAGE RATES AND ROLDS, ADULT FEMALE, BOURBONNE, BORN JUNE, 1953 (Cont'd.)

Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
	s. d.		FOOD	
BISCUIT MAKING	217/-	40		Biscuit Board (State)
CONFECTIONERY	212/-	"		Confectioners Board (State)
			CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.	
BOOTMAKING	217/6	"		Footwear Manufacturing Award--(Comm'th)
DRESSMAKING, READY MADE --				
Cutter	236/6	"		)
MILLINERY -- Cutter	236/6	"		)
SHIRT MAKING -- Cutter	236/6	"		)
UNDERCLOTHING -- Cutter	236/6	"		)
TAILORING (MEN'S) ORDER --				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	236/6	"		)
Trousers & Vest Hand	222/-	"		)
Tailoress	257/6	"		)
Adult Female	201/6	"		)
TAILORING (MEN'S) READYMADE --				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	225/-	"		)
Trousers & Vest Hand	219/-	"		)
Adult Female	201/6	"		)
TEXTILE WORKING WOOLLEN MILLS --				
Comb Minder	215/6	"	After 6 months experience	)
Darner and Mender	220/6	"	"	)
Warper, Plain	217/6	"	"	)
Weaver (loom)	220/6	"	"	)
Gillbox Minder	213/6	"	"	)
Other Adult	199/6	"	"	)
			BOOKS, PRINTING, ETC.	
BOOKBINDING --				
Folder	219/-	"		)
Sewer	219/-	"		)
CARDBOARD BOX --				
Boxmaker	217/-	"	When boxes covered with paper	)
Other	207/6	"		)
PRINTING --				
Jobbing Office Assistant	219/-	"		)
			HOTELS AND SHOPS	
HOTELS --				
Barmaid	300/-	40		)
Housemaid	212/-	"		)
Laundress	213/-	"		)
Waitress -- Head	219/-	"		)
Other	212/-	"		)
RESTAURANTS --				
Pantry Maid	208/6	"		)
Waitress	208/6	"		)
CLERKS --				
Cashiers (Shops)	239/6	"		)
Clerical Assistants	239/6	"		)
SHOPS --				
Boot Saleswoman	222/-	"		)
Drapery Saleswoman	222/-	"		)

## WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT FEMALES, MELBOURNE, 30TH JUNE, 1958 (Cont'd.)

Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
	s. d.			
<u>SHOPS (Cont'd.)</u>				
Fruit and Confectionery Saleswoman	218/-	40		Shops Board No. 19 (Confectionery etc.) (State)
Newsagent and Bookstall Saleswoman	211/-	"		Shops Board No. 21 (Booksellers and Newsagents) (State)

COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS

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